

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The status identifiers for the claim reflect the status of the claim as presented in the previously-filed response:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein said connection means comprises an enlargement of triangular cross section, which is carried by one of said flange ends of smaller thickness.
18. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim 17, wherein the maximum thickness of said extra material thickness is greater than the height of said enlargement.
19. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein at least one of said flange ends of smaller thickness has a corrugated longitudinal profile to form said connection means.
20. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein said connection means comprises an interlock section for a sheet pile, which is welded end to end on a lateral face of one of said flange ends of smaller thickness.
21. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein said connection means comprises an interlock section for a sheet pile, which is carried by a U-shaped section threaded onto one of said flange ends of smaller thickness, said U-shaped section being fixed to said flange end by two corner welds.

22. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein said extra material thickness on a flange is divided in two by a longitudinal groove running above the web.
23. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein said extra material thickness is symmetrical about the mid-plane of said web.
24. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein the ratio of the thickness of said flange ends to the thickness of said web is between 1.0 and 1.7.
25. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein the ratio of the maximum thickness of said flange at said extra material thickness to the thickness of said flange ends is between 1.5 and 4.0.
26. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein the thickness of said flange ends is between 10 mm and 25 mm.
27. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein the maximum thickness of the flange at said extra material thickness is between 40 mm and 60 mm.
28. (Currently amended) ~~King pile~~ The retaining wall according to claim ~~[[16]]~~ 29, wherein the ratio of the web depth to the flange width is at least equal to 2.
29. (Currently amended) ~~Retaining~~ A retaining wall, comprising:
at least two king piles, each of said king piles comprising a web and two parallel flanges carried by the web, said flanges being fitted with connection means along their longitudinal edges, wherein said flanges are reinforced, on the side opposite the web over the major part of their width, by an extra material thickness, which starts with a slope only at a certain distance from the longitudinal edges of the flange, ~~allowing the flange ends, carrying said connection means, to remain of smaller thickness~~ so that said flange has flange ends of

smaller thickness, said connection means being carried by said flange ends of smaller thickness;

~~wherein~~ at least one interlock section connecting said at least two king piles are ~~connected by their connection means~~ at their flanges ~~by interlock sections, [[and]]~~ wherein said extra material thicknesses of said reinforced flanges are dimensioned to form bearing surfaces, ~~which define a bearing plane located~~ in front of said interlock sections; and

at least one wale bearing on said bearing surfaces formed by said extra material thicknesses in front of said interlock sections.

30. (Cancelled)